

## **TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD**

### **NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE HEARING FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN (THE “TOWNSHIP”) REGARDING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE TOWNSHIP’S OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS**

**DOCKET NO: WRN-L-242-15**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on March 14, 2022, beginning at 10:30 am, there will be a Compliance Hearing (the “Hearing”) before the Honorable Thomas C. Miller, J.S.C. The hearing will be held virtually. At this time the link to participate has not been provided by the Court. Anyone wishing to participate in this hearing should contact Robert Colaneri at [robert.colaneri@njcourts.gov](mailto:robert.colaneri@njcourts.gov) 908-334-7700 x13102 to obtain a copy of the Court’s link.

The purpose of the Hearing is for the Court to consider whether the terms of the settlement agreement (the “Settlement Agreement”) between the Township and the Fair Share Housing Center (the “FSHC”) will meet the Township’s obligation to provide a realistic opportunity to satisfy the Township’s rehabilitation, Prior Round and Third Round “Fair Share” of the regional need for affordable to low-income and moderate-income households, pursuant to the Mt. Laurel decisions and their progeny, the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, et seq., the substantive, applicable regulations of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing (the “COAH”), the New Jersey Supreme Court’s March 10, 2015 decision in the matter of In Re: N.J.A.C. 5:96 and N.J.A.C. 5:97, 221 N.J. 1 (2015), and other applicable laws.

The Settlement Agreement fully addresses the existing components of the Township’s Affordable Housing obligation for the period of 1987 through 2025, including the Township’s present-need obligation (or rehabilitation obligation) of thirty-three (33) housing units, its prior round obligation of three (3) housing units, and its third-round prospective need obligation of one hundred forty-two (142) units. The proposed Settlement Agreement provides a detailed list of the Township’s total affordable housing obligation, and compliance mechanisms demonstrating the Township’s compliance with those Affordable Housing obligations. The full texts of the Settlement Agreement is available for public inspection and/or photocopying (at the requestor’s expense) during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Township Clerk’s office, located at 100 Port Murray Road, Mansfield, New Jersey 07865, and is posted on the Township’s website at <http://www.Mansfieldtownship-nj.gov>

On the date of Hearing, the Court will expect the Compliance Hearing to determine whether the Settlement Agreement is fair to low- and moderate-income households and creates a realistic opportunity for the satisfaction of the Township’s Affordable Housing obligations. The Township will seek an Order formally approving the Settlement Agreement, subject to appropriate conditions, if any, that may be imposed by the Court, which Order will entitle the Township to protection from any Mt. Laurel Builders’ Remedy lawsuit for a period to be determined by the Court.

Any interested person may seek to appear and be heard at the March 14, 2022 Hearing on the Settlement Agreement and shall have the opportunity to present any position on the Settlement Agreement. Objections or comments by any interested person must be filed with the Court at the above address on or before March 7, 2022, with duplicate copies forwarded by mail and email to the attention of the following:

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This Notice is provided pursuant to a directive of the Court and is intended to inform interested parties of the proposed Settlement Agreement and inform such parties that they are able to comment on said Settlement Agreement before the Court reviews and evaluates whether to approve the Settlement Agreement. This Notice does not indicate any view by the Court as to the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of the Settlement Agreement or whether the Court will approve the Settlement Agreement.

Monica Orlando, Acting Township Clerk  
Township of Mansfield